



**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
SHUAI LYU,  
Defendant.

Case No. 25-MJ-2175  
ORDER OF DETENTION

1 I.  
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3 On April 16, 2025, Defendant Shuai Lyu – assisted by a mandarin language  
4 interpreter - was arraigned on the criminal complaint filed in this case. Defendant  
5 made his initial appearance on April 14, 2025, at which time the Court appointed  
6 Vitaly Sigal, a member of the indigent defense panel to represent Defendant. At  
7 Defendant's request, the arraignment was continued to April 15 and April 16 in  
8 order to secure retained counsel. On April 16, 2025, Defendant was represented by  
9 retained counsel, Richard Wynn. The government was represented by Assistant  
10 U.S. Attorney Erik Silber. Defendant submitted on the recommendation of  
detention in the report prepared by United States Probation and Pretrial Services.

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12        On motion of the Government [18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1)] in a case  
13 allegedly involving a narcotics or controlled substance offense with maximum  
14 sentence of ten or more years.

15        On motion by the Government or on the Court's own motion  
16 [18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(2)] in a case allegedly involving a serious risk that the  
17 defendant will flee.

18       The Court concludes that the Government is not entitled to a rebuttable  
19 presumption that no condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure  
20 the defendant's appearance as required and the safety of any person or the  
21 community [18 U.S.C. § 3142(e)(2)].

22 II.  
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24       The Court finds that no condition or combination of conditions will  
reasonably assure:  the appearance of the defendant as required.

25                    the safety of any person or the community.

26 III.  
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28       The Court has considered: (a) the nature and circumstances of the offense(s)  
charged, including whether the offense is a crime of violence, a Federal crime of

1 terrorism, or involves a minor victim or a controlled substance, firearm, explosive,  
2 or destructive device; (b) the weight of evidence against the defendant; (c) the  
3 history and characteristics of the defendant; and (d) the nature and seriousness of  
4 the danger to any person or the community. [18 U.S.C. § 3142(g)]. The Court also  
5 considered the report and recommendation prepared by United States Probation  
6 and Pretrial Services.

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8 IV.

9 The Court bases its conclusions on the following:

10 As to risk of non-appearance:

11      Unverified background information  
12      lack of legal status in the United States; Citizen of China  
13      family ties outside the United States  
14      unstable residence history  
15      lack of bail resources  
16      Defendant is currently on probation

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18 As to danger to the community:

19      substance use history  
20      Mental health history  
21      criminal history includes fraud conviction in 2023  
22      Allegations in the complaint – Defendant is charged with conspiracy

23 to commit money laundering and is alleged to have accompanied the co-defendant  
24 who used false identification to retrieve parcels containing large amounts of U.S.  
25 Currency sent by victims of an investment fraud scheme; according to the co-  
26 defendant, Defendant Lyu communicated with the person who picked up the  
27 currency.

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The defendant will be committed to the custody of the Attorney General for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal. The defendant will be afforded reasonable opportunity for private consultation with counsel. On order of a Court of the United States or on request of any attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility in which defendant is confined will deliver the defendant to a United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a court proceeding.

[18 U.S.C. § 3142(i)]

12 Dated: April 16, 2025

13 /s/  
14 ALKA SAGAR  
15 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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